



Rm	2018	2017
7. Taxation continued		
7.5 Factors affecting the tax charge in future years		
Total estimated tax losses	4 864	4 189
Utilised to reduce net temporary differences	(861)	(588)
Estimated unused tax losses	4 003	3 601

If the estimated unused tax losses are applied, the available R1 161 million (2017: R1 155 million) would result in the current year's R2 414 million net deferred tax liability reducing to R1 253 million (2017: R2 436 million net deferred tax liability reducing to R1 282 million), if sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised.

The gross amounts and expiry dates of deductible temporary differences, estimated unused tax losses and unused tax credits, for which no deferred tax asset is recognised, are as follows:

Rm	Unlimited	Total
2018		
Deductible temporary differences	5 329	5 329
Estimated unused tax losses	4 003	4 003
2017		
Deductible temporary differences	5 396	5 396
Estimated unused tax losses	3 601	3 601

Cents	2018	2017
8. Earnings and dividends per share		
Basic earnings per share	947	915
Diluted earnings per share	919	886
Headline earnings per share	923	923
Diluted headline earnings per share	895	894
Dividends per share ¹	825	795

Note:

1. The 31 March 2018 dividend per share includes dividends of 435 cents per share and 390 cents per share, declared on 12 May 2017 and 10 November 2017, respectively. The 31 March 2017 dividend per share includes dividends of 400 cents per share and 395 cents per share, declared on 13 May 2016 and 11 November 2016, respectively. The final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2017 was declared and paid prior to the issue of shares for the Safaricom acquisition (Note 12). The Group declared a final dividend of 425 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31 March 2018 after the reporting period (Note 27).

Notes to the consolidated annual financial statements continued

8. Earnings and dividends per share continued**8.1 Earnings per share**

Earnings per share calculations are based on earnings and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding as set out below:

Rm	2018	2017
8.1.1 Diluted earnings reconciliation		
Earnings attributable to equity shareholders for basic earnings per share	15 344	13 418
Adjusted for:		
Dilutive effect of potential ordinary shares in subsidiary	(432)	(408)
Earnings for diluted earnings per share	14 912	13 010
8.1.2 Headline earnings reconciliation		
Earnings, attributable to equity shareholders, for basic earnings per share	15 344	13 418
Adjusted for:		
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 3) ²	(5)	38
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 3)	(10)	58
Tax and non-controlling interest impact	5	(20)
Profit on sale of associate	(397)	–
Profit on sale of associate	(734)	–
Tax and non-controlling interest impact	337	–
Impairment losses (Note 2)	4	84
Impairment losses (Note 2)	4	84
Tax and non-controlling interest impact	–	–
Headline earnings for headline earnings per share ¹	14 946	13 540
Dilutive effect of potential ordinary shares in subsidiary	(432)	(408)
Headline earnings for diluted headline earnings per share	14 514	13 132

Notes:

1. This disclosure is a requirement of the JSE Limited and is not a recognised measure under IFRS. It has been calculated in accordance with Circular 2/2015 as issued by SAICA.

2. Includes attributable share of profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets of associate of R1 million (2017: RNil).

Shares	2018	2017
8.1.3 Reconciliation of weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding		
For basic and headline earnings per share	1 620 042 298	1 466 738 842
Diluted earnings and diluted headline earnings per share	1 936 123	1 910 513
For diluted earnings and diluted headline earnings per share ¹	1 621 978 421	1 468 649 355

Note:

1. Includes shares held under the forfeitable share plan (Note 17.1.1)



Shares	2018	2017
8. Earnings and dividends per share continued		
8.2 Dividends per share		
For dividends per share		
400 cents per share declared on 13 May 2016	–	1 487 954 000
395 cents per share declared on 11 November 2016	–	1 487 954 000
435 cents per share declared on 12 May 2017 ¹	1 487 954 000	–
390 cents per share declared on 10 November 2017	1 721 413 781	–

Vodacom Group Limited acquired 2 108 969 shares in the market during the year at an average price of R165.07 per share. Dividends per share calculations are based on a dividend paid of R13 186 million (2017: R11 829 million) of which R44 million (2017: R44 million) was offset against the forfeitable share plan reserve, R6 million (2017: R5 million) expensed as staff expenses and R127 million (2017: R123 million) paid to Wheatfields, a wholly-owned subsidiary holding treasury shares on behalf of the Group.

Note:

1. The final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2017 was declared and paid prior to the issue of shares for the Safaricom acquisition (Note 12).

Rm	Land and buildings	Network infrastructure & equipment	Other assets	Total
9. Property, plant and equipment				
31 March 2016	3 327	35 650	767	39 744
Cost	5 554	69 398	1 823	76 775
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(2 227)	(33 748)	(1 056)	(37 031)
Additions	299	8 937	175	9 411
Disposals	(9)	(97)	(2)	(108)
Foreign currency translation differences	(80)	(2 002)	(43)	(2 125)
Depreciation	(190)	(7 124)	(143)	(7 457)
Impairment losses (Note 2)	–	(18)	–	(18)
Net transfer from intangible assets (Note 10)	(22)	401	3	382
Business combination (Note 22)	–	115	–	115
Transfer to non-current assets held for sale (Note 12)	–	(6)	–	(6)
Category transfers and other	89	154	–	243
31 March 2017	3 414	36 010	757	40 181
Cost	5 126	66 272	1 787	73 185
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(1 712)	(30 262)	(1 030)	(33 004)
Additions	167	9 303	197	9 667
Disposals	(1)	(111)	(5)	(117)
Foreign currency translation differences	(50)	(1 043)	(25)	(1 118)
Depreciation	(175)	(7 663)	(187)	(8 025)
Impairment losses (Note 2)	–	(4)	–	(4)
Net transfer to intangible assets (Note 10)	14	(67)	(2)	(55)
Category transfers and other	139	95	(234)	–
31 March 2018	3 508	36 520	501	40 529
Cost	5 228	71 245	1 558	78 031
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	(1 720)	(34 725)	(1 057)	(37 502)